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BOGIBEEL BRIDGE PROJECT
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been delay in finalization of the contract concerning works pertaining to Bogibeel Bridge construction under North-Eastern Railway and as a result thereof the construction has been delay one year and is there likelihood of further delay;

(b) if so, details thereof with the reasons for such delay;

(c) the cost of the project, funding patterns, amounts spent so far on the project; and

(d) the plan finalised for timely completion of the project and steps taken to avoid escalation of cost of the project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a)&(b): The Contract for sub-structure and well foundation of the main bridge could not be finalized and has been discharged twice.

(c)&(d): The cost of Bogibeel Rail-cum-Road bridge was estimated as Rs.1767.38 crore as per 2002-03 estimate. The expenditure upto March 2007 is Rs.700.99 crore. The project has been declared as a National Project with the stipulation that the funding would be decided by the Hon'ble Prime Minister for which the matter has been processed.

The project is planned for completion by 2011-12 subject to availability of resources. The escalation in project cost normally takes place due to modifications in the scope of the work as per site conditions and general price rise during the implementation stage.